

General Statute

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 11-31. Enforcement agency generally.

(a) **The superintendent of building inspections is hereby designated the public officer to exercise, by and through his duly appointed agents, the powers prescribed by this chapter.**

(b) The inspector shall have such powers as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of this chapter, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) the following powers in addition to others herein granted:

(1) To investigate residential building conditions in the city in order to determine which buildings therein are unfit for human habitation, being guided in such examinations of buildings by the requirements set forth in this chapter.

(2) To administer oaths, affirmations, and to examine witnesses and receive evidence.

(3) a. To enter upon and within premises, dwellings, and buildings for the purpose of making examinations and investigations; provided that such entries shall be made in such lawful manner as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the persons in possession.

b. No entrance shall be made into the premises without the permission of the person in legal possession thereof, or absent permission without first obtaining an administrative search warrant issued upon a finding of probable cause that a violation of the building code may exist.

State law references: Administrative search and inspection warrants, G.S. § 15-27.2.

(4) To appoint and fix the duties of such officers, agents, and employees as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(5) To delegate any of his functions and powers under this chapter to such officers and agents as he may designate.

(Code 1961, §§ 10-6, 10-23; Ord. No. 03-180, §§ 1, 2, 8-4-03)

State law references: Enforcement officer generally, G.S. §§ 160A-443, 160A-448.